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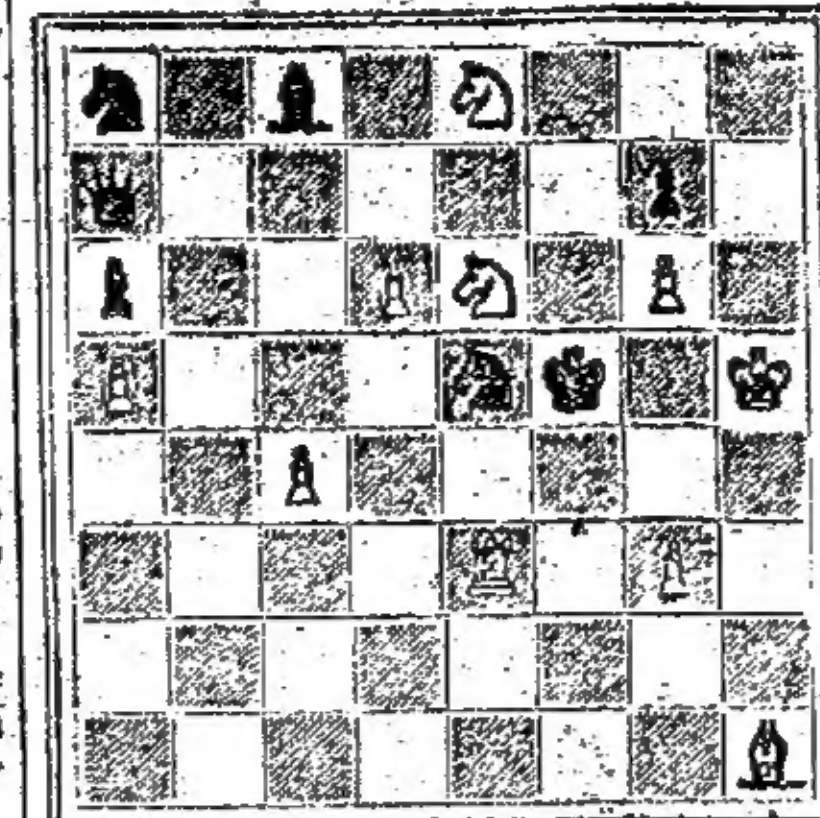
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R.A.D.—Your solution to No. 141 nearly correct, but not quite. eg. 1 Q-K3, Q-B3, and so on. As it was, they did not.

R.I.—Your key move of No. 140 is correct. See detailed solution, however. For No. 141 your move has travelled along the same line as R.A.D. Have another try.

HONGKONG, May 25.
The Programme of the London International Chess Tournament to begin next 24th July is now published. There will be 100 players for not more than 100, less than 100 players of the highest class and a Single Round Tournament open to players not competing in the Two Round Tournament. In the former of these, the following minimum prizes will be offered: First prize, £250; second prize, £150; third prize, £100; fourth prize, £50; fifth prize, £25; sixth prize, £10; seventh prize, £5; eighth prize, £2; ninth prize, £1. In addition to the above there will be consolation money. Each non-prize-winner will receive £2 for every game won by him against the first, second or third prize-winner, and £1 for every other game won. In the Single Round Tournament, the prizes will be—first, £70; second, £20; third, £10; fourth, £5; fifth, £2; sixth, £1; seventh, £1. These amounts will probably be increased, but may be reduced should fewer than sixteen competitors enter. A carefully framed code of rules of play has been compiled, and with vigour should be enforced. Disputes should be impossible.

Mr. J. L. Jacobson, who won the Australian chess championship from Mr. Oran and recently successfully defended it in a protracted match against Mr. Jones, now has announced his resignation of the honour. Perhaps this is due to some failure in the negotiations for his match with Mr. Wallace, to which I referred a fortnight ago. In discussing the future of the chess in the colony, it is necessary to exclude reports from such matches and sell the games to individuals among those whose gracious acceptance of them is necessary as the sole condition under which chess champions can continue to exist.

With reference to this matter, the Sydney Morning Herald says, without entering into the merits of the controversy between Messrs Jacobson and Wallace, it seems opportune to suggest that it would be desirable if any scheme could be adopted to prevent a repetition of the present unsatisfactory state of things. I am sure to be only too glad to do so. The one that the conditions regulating chess matches, contests of the future should be hard and fast, so that holders and challengers know exactly what all it would mean to either, which is far more practicable, than a council elected to whom all such matters in dispute could be referred. There are in the colonies a number of players who, by their long connection with the game, their skill, and their experience are admirably adapted for the position. Mr. Charles Byrne, Mr. Ewing in Victoria, Messrs Crane, Jacobson, and Wallace in New South Wales, Mr. Apperly in Queensland, and all recognised authorities, and any chess player would, we feel confident, have no hesitation in putting himself in the hands of a body so constituted. Of course the need of Australian chess is a federation of the chess interests—some body where the chess-players as a whole could be represented to control matters such as championship matches, congresses or the like. This is a country of such vast distances that it is hardly conceivable that a gathering of all the chess authorities in any one spot at a given time; and such an Australian chess council would supply a great need.

Collier in the Singapore Free Press is giving a useful series of articles on the mathematics of chess problems. While claiming no originality for any of his remarks, indeed disclaiming anything of the kind by the modest motto 'Mihi fides auditu loqui' (Let me tell what I have heard), the author performs a useful and very necessary work. There are well those who make chess odds with such replies as 'Sir, I refuse to play.' By Q.R. etc., and consider it a master piece. It is a clear duty of every chess column to repeat again and again such rules as the following:

1. Every piece of a problem must never be taken or otherwise necessary work.

2. More liberty or some advantage must be apparently given by it to the Black pieces.

3. Every piece on the board must serve some necessary purpose and be employed to the utmost of its capabilities.

The following hints on problem solution by Dr. Tolosa Carreras, a well-known chess problemist, are worth perusing. In the two-move problem the first move is necessarily a threat of mate for following move, which amounts to saying that Black plays only a single move in all the variations. It results from this that the solver possesses a simple means of removing the 'all which cover the enemy, and this one move, not concerning himself about White's first move, but acting as if Black had the first move. It will then be more easy to see which should be White's first move to thwart the different defences Black's second. In this kind of competition

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WHAT VITALITY MEANS.

Vitality is your measure of force, or power. Thin babies and feeble old persons have little of it. When the system is unable to assimilate the right kind of food, vitality becomes low.

Scott's Emulsion

is above all other remedies in giving vitality. It makes no difference whether the emaciated person is in babyhood or in old age. Whenever food fails to nourish, Scott's Emulsion will be found the most effective remedy for overcoming emaciated tendencies. An chemist.

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